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Dear Cathy S. Yonce:

This email is to acknowledge that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina has received your Letter of Protest. Please be advised that your Letter of Protest will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2020-125-E - Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges (See Commission Order No. 2020-313)

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you may follow specifically Docket No. 2020-125-E at: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117462>.

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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why testify?? You will give them the increase anyway. The game is played as: "they ask for a high rate and you give them a lower rate." The rate is what they wanted and/or expected anyway. They are satisfied, you are satisfied and the tax-payers always loses. That's the game you

have always played. Proof is SCE&G debolical. The tax-payers of South Carolina always loose. What good was the small Rebate Dominion gave when they go up on your bill after what? A year.

DESC has not sought a rate increase for base electric rates since 2012 exclusive of changes in the fuel component and the recovery of costs and revenues associated with demand side management and energy efficiency programs and other rider-based charges. Since that time, DESC states in its Application it has made continued investments in assets and operating resources required to serve an expanding customer base; to maintain the safety, reliability, and efficiency of its system; and to meet increasingly stringent reliability, security and environmental requirements. The Application also states the Company has experienced an increase in depreciation expense and property taxes associated with these investments. Also, the Application states that since the close of the prior test year, more than eight years ago; DESC's costs of providing retail electric service to its customers have increased. The Application also states the Consumer Price Index, as issued by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows producer prices have increased by approximately 14% since the close of the prior test year. As a result of these and other changes, which are set out in more detail in the Application, DESC states its current rates and charges are not sufficient to allow the Company a reasonable opportunity to recover its actual cost of providing electric service to customers including the cost of the debt and equity capital invested in the electric system.

**DOMINION RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - RATE 8
CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATE EXAMPLE**

	Current	Proposed
1000 kWh per month (Before Tax Rider)	\$126.18	\$131.99
1000 kWh per month (After Tax Rider)	\$122.31	N/A

The Application further proposes

- to create a vegetation management accrual to establish a stable basis for funding the vegetation control plans that are necessary to ensure resiliency in storms and protect the safe and reliable operation of DESC's distribution and transmission systems
- to restore collection of the Storm Damage Reserve component of rates
- to make certain changes in its General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service
- to discontinue an experimental commercial rate, Rate 21A, Experimental Program – General Service Time-of Use Demand
- to revise and update the standards under Residential Rate 6 – Energy Saver/Conservation Rate
- to reduce the rate collected under its Demand Side Management program rider (DSM Rider) from the current rate of 0.00220 \$/kwh for residential customers to an adjusted rate of 0.00158 \$/kwh
- to discontinue the Tax Rider that was authorized in 2018 to return tax savings under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to customers. The Application proposes to return those savings to customers through base rates going forward.

DESC requests if the evidence presented in the hearings and other proceedings so allows, it be permitted to implement rates that differ and/or exceed those set forth in the Application. DESC requests that the proposed increase be effective for bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of March, 2021.

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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